

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 17 and 18 have been amended. Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-12, and 14-19 are pending in the present application.

Restriction Requirement:

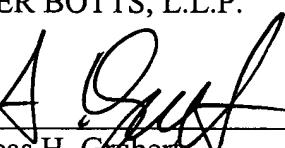
The Examiner requested a species election due to a restriction requirement as stated in paragraph 2 of the office action dated Aug. 5, 2004. Applicant elects species 1 directed to the embodiment having a structure as described in Fig. 1 if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. All currently pending claims are readable on this embodiment.

CONCLUSION

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 in view of the cited prior art. Therefore, applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 068758.0145.

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